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**COMBINED DECLARATION,
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FERRITIC STAINLESS STEEL SHEET FOR FUEL TANK AND FUEL PIPE AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME

- ☐ which is described in the specification and claims

☐ attached hereto.

☒ filed on December 11, 2001

Application Serial No. 10/016,543

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(if any),

which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application or said international application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application or said international application, or that the invention has been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application or said international application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application or said international application, or that any application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application or said international application by me or my legal representatives or assigns except as identified below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) or §120 (as applicable) of any United States application(s) or §365(c) of any PCT International Application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International Application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112:

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I hereby petition for grant of a United States Letters Patent on this invention.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I or We, Yoshihiro Yazawa, Mineo Muraki, Yoshihiro Ozaki, Kunio Fukuda, Atushi Miyazaki and Yasushi Katoh, all citizens of Japan (hereinafter referred to as the "undersigned"), having made an invention entitled FERRITIC STAINLESS STEEL SHEET FOR FUEL TANK AND FUEL PIPE AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME

for which on the date set forth below, unless otherwise indicated here, _____ the undersigned executed an application for United States Letters Patent,

WHEREAS, Kawasaki Steel Corporation, a corporation of Japan with its principal offices being located at 1-28, Kitahonmachidori 1-chome, Chuo-ku Kobe-shi, Hyogo 651-0075 JAPAN (hereinafter referred to as the "assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention, said application and all letters patent issuing for said invention,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and of other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the assignee the entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in said invention, including said patent application, all divisions and continuations thereof, all rights to claim priority based thereon, all rights to file foreign applications on said invention, and all letters patent and reissues thereof, issuing for said invention in the United States of America and in any and all foreign countries.

It is agreed that the undersigned shall be legally bound, upon request of the assignee, or its successors or assigns or a legal representative thereof, to supply all information and evidence of which the undersigned has knowledge or possession, relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, execute all instruments proper to patent the invention in the United States of America and foreign countries in the name of the assignee, and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument. If the undersigned includes more than one individual, these obligations shall apply to all of the undersigned both individually and collectively.

The rights and property herein conveyed by the undersigned are free and clear of any encumbrance.

EXECUTED under seal on December 12, 2001, at Chiba Japan

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